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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Substitute Specification filed on August 20, 2001 with the attached new Replacement Substitute Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claim 10 as follows:

10. (amended) A semiconductor device according to any of Claims 4 to [9] 7, wherein an end area of said stress

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